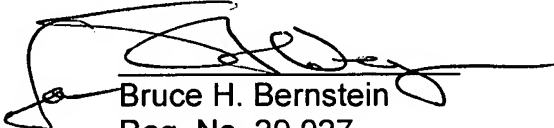


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate any language that might be considered "steps of" or "means plus function" recitations. Further, the claims have been revised to place them in better U.S. form, without changing their scope. Accordingly, no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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